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BEAUFORT COUNTY LIBRARY OPENS BRANCH ON HILTON HEAD

On February 14 the Hilton Head Island Branch of the Beaufort County Library was dedicated and opened to the public.

Wallace Linton, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Hilton Head Civic Association, presided. He called on Rivers Varn, Chairman of the Beaufort County Library Branch, Beaufort County Senator Waddell and Nancy Blair, who represented the State Library Board, for brief remarks. He also introduced the members of the committee, Mrs. James E. Ragsdale, Jr. Beaufort County Librarian and Mrs. William H. Patterson who will be in charge of the branch.

The branch is a result of the efforts of a committee appointed by the Hilton Head Civic Association to investigate the possibility of a branch library for the island. This committee, under the chairmanship of Wallace Linton, decided that due to the fact that the development of population centers was not established, it would be feasible to purchase an extendable trailer to be located on a temporary site.

A campaign for local funds supplied \$14,000 for this undertaking and the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation agreed to increase the appropriation of the Beaufort County Library to provide funds for the operation of the branch.

The 24 x 50 trailer was mounted on a foundation at a spot strategically located to serve both ends of the island, shelving and furniture installed, and books added by Mrs. James E. Ragsdale, Beaufort County Librarian.

If future developments indicate that another location would serve more people, the library can be moved to that location.

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STATE DOCUMENTS

MEETING OF STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Carlisle Bean, Chairman, presided at the February 20th meeting of the State Library Board. Other trustees present were Mrs. Cyril Busbee and Dr. G. Creighton Frampton.

Estellene P. Walker, Director, reported on the status of the 1969-70 budget request and the progress of the State Library Board building. She distributed copies of the regulations governing the distribution of State Aid and the certification program prepared by the Attorney General's Office. Copies of the report of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries were also distributed.

The next meeting will be held the third Thursday in May.

SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

This summer 15 to 20 college students will serve as interns in 16 public and 2 institutional libraries. The intern program is sponsored by the State Library Board and local libraries. It is part of the Board's continuing personnel program and is designed to give the student an introduction to the library profession through experience in all departments of a library.

This program had been in effect for the past ten years and has provided the libraries in the State with qualified individuals who have chosen the library field as a career as a result of the summer internship program.

The interns work for two and a half to three months and receive a salary which is funded by the State Library Board and by the sponsoring library. Each library participating in the intern program may sponsor a scholarship applicant.

LIBRARY SERVICE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S CONVALESCENT HOME

Under the terms of a three-way contract between the State Library Board, the Florence County Library and the South Carolina Convalescent Home for Crippled Children, the Florence County Library will provide library service to the Home. Service will consist of book deposits, story hours, reading guidance and other library orientated activities.

This is an experimental program made possible under Title IV-A, State Institutional Library Services, of the Library Services and Construction Act.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTED ON S.C. ARTS COMMISSION

Mrs. Alice I. Nolte, Field Service Librarian, is representing the State Library Board on the South Carolina Arts Commission. Mrs. Nolte is conferring with David Sennema, Director of the Commission, on programs and projects in which public libraries and the Commission can cooperate.

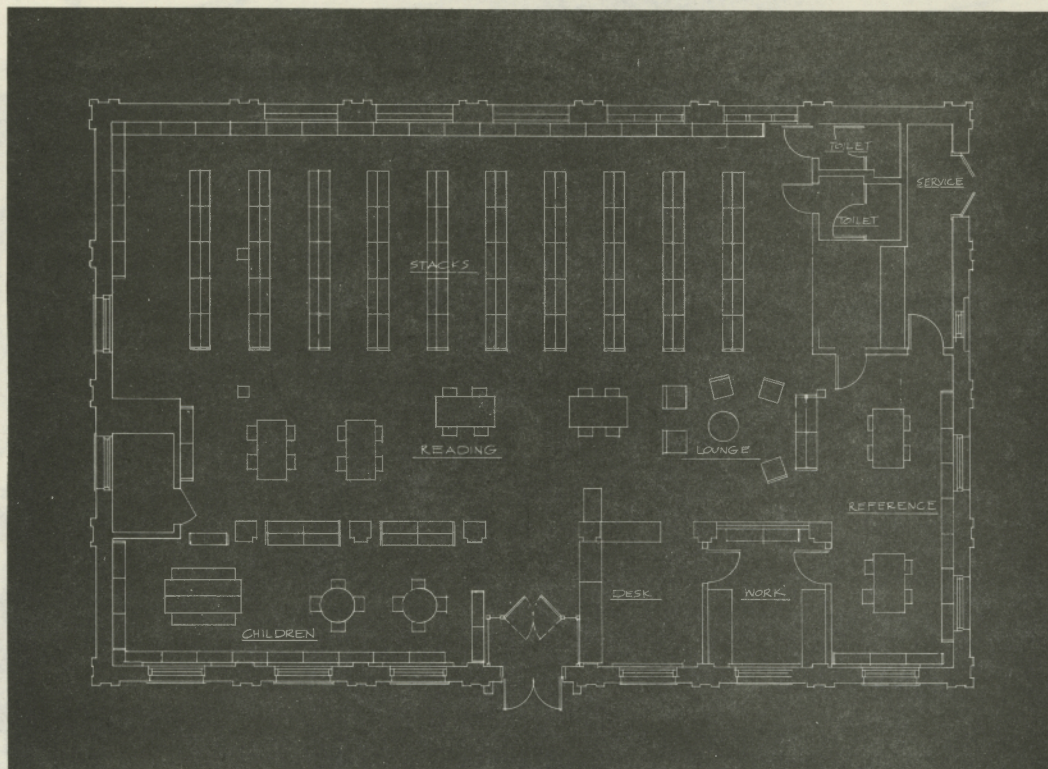


Abbeville County Library

A New Look for a South Carolina Library

The face of the South Carolina public library system is rapidly taking on a new look as library constructions and renovations throughout the State are being brought to completion. This month's story features the new Abbeville County Library, part of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library system.

The Abbeville County Library will soon be moving into new headquarters — a remodeled, former Post Office Building in Abbeville. Of heavy masonry construction, the building is classic in appearance. And, according to F. Earle Gaulden, Greenville architect for the renovation, "The structure was ideal for converting into an open library plan." The renovation, begun in August, 1968 has just been completed.



Abbeville County Library

The interior of the library contains 3,000 square feet on the main floor, with a full basement available for future expansion. The open library plan gives the librarian at the main desk a view of all areas of the library: children's reading, adult reading, informal lounge, reference and all book shelves.

Pleasing shades of green, orange and brown blend to present an attractive interior decor. The interior walls are light green. Stacks are oyster white, while walnut furnishings are upholstered in brown, orange and avocado. The library is carpeted throughout.

The new Abbeville County Library is a much needed facility according to Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher, director of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library. She commented, "We believe this library will become one of the most functional in the state considering its cost and size. The interior arrangement allows the librarian on duty a good view of each area and this gives her excellent control."

The surplus Post Office building was made available for the new Abbeville County Library through Federal Government disposition procedures. The cost of the renovation, handled by Jones Construction of Abbeville, came to \$42,470. Furnishing were an additional \$9,000. The renovation, which qualified for a Library Services and Construction Act grant administered by the State Library Board, received \$38,823.18 in grant funds. Local sources supplied \$20,000.

The firm of Craig and Gauden, Greenville, was the architect for the project which, according to Miss Porcher, "will probably double circulation of books during the first few months, due to the building's convenience and attractiveness."

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Abbeville

The trustees of the Abbeville County Library (Abbeville-Greenwood Region) were guests of the Abbeville Lions Club at a meeting on February 4. Brief reports on the new library, the renovated Post Office building, were given by F. Earle Gauden, Greenville architect, J. Ben Jones of Jones Construction Company, contractor of the project; Myer Poliakov, treasurer of the library board and Fletcher W. Ferguson, county board chairman.

Total cost of the renovation was \$58,822 of which \$38,823 was an LSCA grant.

Bamberg

The firm of Hartley and Dicks, Incorporated, Barnwell, has been awarded the construction contract for the Bamberg County Headquarters of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library. Alex A. Dickson, Columbia, is the architect for the building.

Bamberg, as headquarters for a county library serving a population of 16,274 qualified for a \$50,000 construction grant from the State Library Board.

Berkeley

On January 27 the Carolina Salvage Company of Charleston began preparation for moving the present headquarters building of the Berkeley County Library to clear the site for the construction of the new headquarters building. The building will be moved, practically intact and the library will function from the temporary location until the new building is completed.

The cost of the building, including equipment and furniture will be \$196,000, of which \$75,000 is an LSCA grant from the State Library Board. Lafaye, Lafaye, and Associates, Columbia is the architectural firm and C. W. Blanchard, Inc., of Charleston was awarded the construction contract.

Spartanburg

On February 3 ground was broken for the Landrum branch of the Spartanburg County Library and construction begun.

Participating in the ground breaking ceremonies were Mrs. John Davis Smith, chairman and Wyndham Clark, treasurer of the county library; Mrs. Charles J. Stover, president of the Landrum Civic League; Mrs. Frank Brown and Miss Mays Earle of the library committee of the Civic League.

The total cost of this branch will be \$94,238, of which \$50,000 is an LSCA grant. J. Thomas Hollis, Spartanburg is the architect and McCluney Construction of Gaffney received the contract for the construction.

Johnsonville Building Project

Mrs. Clyde Rowntree, of Johnsonville, reports that the efforts of her committee to obtain a branch library building are producing tangible results.

A 24 x 20 building with birch panelling, fluorescent lights and venetian blinds was donated by Wellman Industries; the building was moved free of charge by A. W. Coker of Kingstree; R. L. Powell installed a septic tank; \$50 worth of lumber was donated by O. C. Huggins and \$150 for a charging desk and chair came as a grant from the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs Progress Foundation. William Donahoe, carpentry teacher at Johnsonville High School, is building the shelves.

Public subscription netted \$1,094.50 for this project. Of this, \$500 was expended for the purchase of the site.

Since the Johnsonville library will be a branch of the Florence County Library, Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, County Librarian, has assisted in all phases of the planning. Mrs. Rowntree is a trustee of the Florence County Library.

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO SMOKEY BEAR

The public libraries of South Carolina have again responded to the call of Smokey Bear. An estimated enrollment of 30,000 children is expected this summer in the Smokey Bear Reading Club and probably 17,000 of these children will complete the ten books which will qualify them to become "Rangers". Approximately 200 libraries, branch libraries and bookmobiles will be participating.

Smokey will be well-publicized in all areas of South Carolina by means of newspapers, T. V. (commercial and educational), spot announcements on radio, in schools and libraries. Smokey Bear will help children learn the importance of forest and wildlife conservation through the reading of good books. The beginning date for the Club is May 15, 1969.

BCIP GRANTS INCREASED

The Book Collection Improvement Project grant for 1968-69 has been increased by 3¢ per capita bringing the total to 10¢ per capita for the year.

The purpose of this project is to provide each library the opportunity to build its book collection to meet community needs. The entire grant is to be spent for the rebinding or purchase of standard books of permanent value. Only those titles which are recommended in a recognized book selection tool may be rebound or purchased.

This project is one facet of the State Library Board's continuing effort to improve the quality and quantity of the book collection over the State.

CHESTERFIELD PLANS COUNTY-WIDE SERVICE

On February 20 Betty E. Callaham and Margie Herron met with members of the Chesterfield County Library Board to make preliminary plans for the organization of county-wide library service.

Finances, the proposed budget and the first steps to be taken were discussed.

Edward Sweatt, Cheraw, is chairman of the Chesterfield County Library Board. Mr. Sweatt is editor of the Cheraw Chronicle.

HARTSVILLE FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

R. Max Willocks, Director of the Columbia College Library, addressed the Friends of the Hartsville Library at the annual meeting on February 17. Mr. Willocks spoke on "The Library Serving the Business Community".

Reaves McCall, President of the Friends, introduced Mrs. Argent Perkins, librarian of the Darlington County Library, which the Hartsville Memorial Library joined on February 1.

LARGE TYPE BOOKS AT PICKENS

The Pickens County Library has purchased, partly with BCIP funds, 65 large print books ranging from Marian Anderson's My Lord, What a Morning to Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome.

Mary Aiken, Pickens County Librarian, has written to all county doctors and all high school and junior high school English teachers in the county. The letters request that patients and pupils who suffer from eye strain be apprized of the availability of the large-print books. The schedule of hours of the headquarters library and branch libraries are given with suggestion that bookmobile schedules may be obtained from headquarters. A list of the titles now available was enclosed.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Walter L. Heath (Peggy Howell) received Woman of the Year award at the Lancaster Jaycees' Annual Distinguished Service Award and Honors Night program.

Mrs. Heath is a trustee of the Lancaster County Library, where she was formerly a member of the staff.

Currently coordinator of instruction with the Lancaster City Schools Mrs. Heath served in the WAVES during World War II at the U.S. Naval Training Aids Library in San Francisco.

The South Carolina Library Association is among the many professional associations to which she belongs.

GREENVILLE STAFF CHANGES

Margaret Mahon retired on January 1 after serving 34 years as children's librarian of the Greenville County Library. Miss Mahon is a graduate of Furman University and Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh.

In appreciation of Miss Mahon's long and dedicated service the Greenville County Library Board honored her with a tea. The board presented Miss Mahon a Cybis Porcelain Magnolia and the staff, two handcrafted pewter bowls.

No successor has been appointed.

Richard Magill has returned to the staff of the Greenville County Library as a reference librarian after receiving his library degree from Florida State University. Mr. Magill, a Greenville native, graduated from Clemson and did graduate work at Michigan State College. He was employed by the library before going to library school.

NEWBERRY-CALDECOTT AWARDS

Lloyd Alexander, author of The High King, (Holt, Rinehart, and Winston) and Uri Shulevitz, illustrator of The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux) have been named the winners of the American Library Association's Newbery and Caldecott Awards, respectively, for the most distinguished books for children published in 1968.

The runners-up for the Newbery award are: Julius Lester, To be a Slave, (Dial Press), and Isaac Singer, When Shlemiel Went to Warsaw and Other Stories, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux.)

The runner-up for the Caldecott Medal is Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky by Elphinstone Dayrell, illustrations by Blair Lent (Houghton, Mifflin Company).

SUMMER LIBRARY INSTITUTE WILL CONVENE AT ALLEN UNIVERSITY

The Department of Library Science at Allen University in conjunction with the U. S. Office of Education under Title II, Part B of the Higher Education Act, is sponsoring a six-week Summer Institute for Elementary School Librarians. Six semester hours of credit will be offered. The institute is designed for in-service or prospective elementary librarians who have not earned graduate degrees in library science, and are working in culturally disadvantaged areas in the state of South Carolina.

Formal instruction will be centered around the following major areas: The Organization and Administration of Library Materials with emphasis on the culturally disadvantaged students; The Administration of Physical Facilities, and the Evaluation, Selection and Acquisition of Library Materials, with emphasis on new resources.

Application forms (when available) and other information may be secured by corresponding with: Mrs. Edith R. Holmes, Director, Summer Institute for Elementary School Librarians, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina 29204.

S. C. ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

James C. Shipman, executive director of the recently formed S. C. Association of Counties, is now organizing the county units. Administrative heads of county agencies are eligible for membership. Librarians should check on the status of this organization in their counties and apply for membership. It offers an opportunity to learn of the activities of other agencies and to establish a healthy rapport among departments of county government.

FICTION AND POETRY CONFERENCE

The South Carolina Tricentennial Commission is inviting South Carolina authors to submit fiction and poetry manuscripts to The Creative Writing Committee of the Commission. A jury of experts will review all manuscripts received before March 15 and, on the basis of literary merit and promise, select writers who will be invited to attend a conference July 16-20 at the University of South Carolina. Room and board expenses will be paid by the Tricentennial Commission.

Conferees will attend 5 days of workshops, seminars, readings, lectures and discussions with nationally known authors.

For additional information write The Creative Writing Committee, South Carolina Tricentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1970, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE LIBRARY INTERN PROGRAM

Under the intern program inaugurated by Columbia College, eight seniors in the library science classes completed a pilot program in December. These students worked 130 hours each in libraries in the Columbia area: The Veterans Administration Hospital Library; Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Library; the University of South Carolina Law Library, and the Richland County Public Library. Their service was on a volunteer basis with no monetary compensation involved.

The students' duties included filing, typing orders, shelving books, telling stories, working at the reference and circulation desks and going on the bookmobile.

College authorities feel that this program gives students a better understanding of library service. It also assists them to evaluate their courses.

Mrs. John D. Rogers, assistant professor of Library Science and supervisor of the program, reported that overall the program was quite successful.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

David Mitchell of York has written a poem which appeared in the December issue of Highlights for Children, a monthly magazine. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Mitchell. His mother is librarian of the York Branch of the York County Library and he is one of her best patrons.

Mrs. T.O. Lawton has been elected chairman of the Allendale County Library Board (Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Region). Mrs. Lawton succeeds the late Mrs. J.M. Patterson.

Mrs. Judith Maples, a 1967 graduate of Simmons College, is working part time in the Beaufort County Library. Mrs. William H. Patterson has been appointed librarian of the Hilton Head Branch. Mrs. Patterson is a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. and has done graduate work at William and Mary.

The "Dollar per Scholar" campaign to raise funds for the renovation of the Chapin Memorial Library netted \$148.52 in its first week. Keith Cribb is director of the campaign in all the schools of the area. Private contributions of \$97.55 made the total \$3,117.94.

A contribution by Mrs. Earle Maxwell in honor of her mother has enabled the Greenville County Library to purchase 12 large print books to be used at the Nursing Center.

Bert Winterbottom, executive director, Greenville County Planning Commission is the 1969 county chairman for National Library Week.

On February 2 the Aiken Friends of the Library sponsored the first of a series of lectures planned to promote greater appreciation of books and libraries. Mrs. Roy G. Williams, a Georgia novelist was speaker at the first event.

The First Church of Christ Scientist of Myrtle Beach has donated \$100 to the Chapin Memorial Library's renovation and expansion fund.

John Landrum, SLB Reference Librarian, has returned to the office after two weeks spent in the hospital for surgery and at home recuperating.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The State Library Board offers on a first come basis:

Library Journal

1963 (October 15 missing)

1964 December 15 only

1965

1966

Columbia (S. C.) Telephone Directory December 1968

STATE LIBRARIANS DIES

Mrs. Joan Reynolds Faunt, S. C. State Librarian, died February 15, 1969.

Mrs. Faunt became State Librarian in 1965 succeeding her mother, Mrs. Emily Bellinger Reynolds. She and her mother were joint authors of "A Biographical Directory of the Senate of South Carolina" and she was working on a similar volume on the House of Representatives. In collaboration with John A. May, Chairman of the S. C. Confederate War Centennial Commission she wrote "South Carolina Secedes".

Henry L. Lake, Director, S. C. Legislative Council has been appointed Acting State Librarian.

MRS. J. M. PATTERSON

Mrs. J. M. Patterson, chairman of the Allendale County Library Board and former chairman of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library Board died on January 25 at the age of 96.

While Mrs. Patterson's active support of libraries spanned four decades, her energies were not limited to libraries. She was the author of "Builders of Freedom and Their Descendents", her genealogy; president of the Allendale Civic League and former president of the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Miss Belle" was a charming, Christian gentle-woman who enriched the lives of those fortunate enough to be associated with her.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 20-26

National Library Week

June 22-28

88th Annual ALA Conference
Atlantic City, N. J.

October 9-11

South Carolina Library Association Conference
Jack Tar Poinsett Hotel
Greenville, South Carolina

STATE LIBRARY BOARD: APPROPRIATION FISCAL 1970

The South Carolina State Budget for 1969-70 submitted by the State Budget and Control Board to the General Assembly included a recommended total of \$632,570 for the operation of the State Library Board. This amount represents the total requested by the State Library Board with the exception of one small item of \$6,000. Of this amount, \$478,519 will be allocated for State Aid to county and regional libraries. The remainder of the funds will be used for the purchase of books, the employment of personnel, and for expenses incident to moving into and operating the Board's new building.

The total budget figure for the State Library Board is \$1,373,251.00 of which \$740,681.00 is from Federal sources. The total figure does not include funds for library building construction in fiscal 1970. It is estimated that construction grants will amount to \$300,000.00 from Federal sources.

In contrasting the appropriation for 1970 with that for 1945, the following facts are interesting: in 1945, the State Library Board's total budget was \$15,000.00 of which \$3,236 was allocated to the counties as State Aid. Percentage wise, this was 22% of the total budget. In 1970, the anticipated State appropriation is \$632,570.00 of which \$478,519.00 will be allocated to the counties as State Aid. Percentage wise, this is 76% of the total budget. In other words, in 1945 about a fifth of the State Library Board's total budget was returned to the counties as State Aid; in 1970 three fourths of the total budget will be returned to the counties as State Aid grants.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by

Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I came across an article recently that would interest you. Dr. Edward Brunenkant, Director of Technical Information for U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, said in a conference on technology transfer, "Andrew Carnegie's original intention in supporting the public libraries was to provide the general population with means of individual self-improvement. Yet it appears that less than 10% of the population ever uses the public libraries, and their goals have never been clearly defined, even to librarians. For example, it is not clear whether their primary intent is inspirational, educational, or recreational; and if they are intended to serve the public in general, why are so many of them closed on the one day when the most people can utilize them, namely Sunday?"

Certainly libraries need salesmen; and by the way, why are they closed on Sunday?

Very truly yours,

I. Rate

Dear Mr. Rate:

I expect that Dr. Brunenkant needed competent help in doing the research for his conference on technology transfer. A reference librarian could have found the information he needed on the present use of public libraries and on the goals of the professional librarianship. According to the latest statistics, 26% of the people of this country use the public

library service when it is available to them. Unfortunately, there are still 10% of the people in the country who do not have access to public library service of any kind. As far as the goals are concerned, they may have changed somewhat during the passing years as national and regional goals have changed, but the major goal still remains to assemble, organize, preserve, and make easily and freely available to all people the printed and non-printed materials that will assist them to: educate themselves continually, keep pace with progress in all fields of knowledge; become better members of home and community; discharge political and social obligations; be more capable in their daily occupations; develop their creative and spiritual capacities; appreciate and enjoy the works of art and literature; use leisure time to promote personal and social well-being; contribute to the growth of knowledge.

As to Sunday hours, several South Carolina public libraries are open on Sunday and in the smaller ones their only customers are students who could use the library during the week. Additional hours of opening require additional staff, which means additional funds. Money may be the root of all evil but lack of it certainly accounts for many of the inadequacies in the services offered by our libraries. I might point out that the American Library Association suggests \$5.41 per capita for support of public libraries. The highest per capita income for a South Carolina library system according to the last annual report of the State Library Board is \$1.79. People who would like the libraries open on Sunday and many other services not now provided should work for increased support so the libraries could afford to comply with their wishes.

Anne

CAROLINIANA

Bierer, Bert W. Discovering South Carolina, a Book of Historical Information. State Printing Co. \$10.00
(Indians, Indian remains, paths and trails)

Inglesby, Edith. A Corner of Carolina, The Four Seasons in Hilton Head Island, Beaufort and Bluffton. Illustrated by James Palmer. State Printing Co. \$10.00

The Papers of Henry Laurens, Volume One: Sept. 11, 1746-Oct. 31, 1755, edited by Philip M. Hamer. South Carolina Historical Society and University of South Carolina Press. 407 pages. \$15.

Pracht, Edith Sullivan. White Heather. Keys Printing Company. Greenville, S.C. \$3.95.
(Poems by an Anderson author)

The Presbyterian Church of Walhalla has recently published its history. It includes history and minutes, 1868-1968, and is indexed by names. \$5.00 per copy. Order from: J.H. Seaborn, 308 West Main St., Walhalla, S.C. 29691

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From El Roble Intermediate School, Claremont, California: "Show us a mathematical table that has been left outdoors overnight, and we'll show you a dewy decimal system."

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